

Public Notice – Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality for the withdrawal of ground water in Portsmouth, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: October 22, 2006 to November 21, 2006

PERMIT NAME: Ground Water Withdrawal Permit issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: Tidewater Area Central Hospital Laundry, Inc.; 3530 Elmhurst Ln., Portsmouth, VA 23701; GW0048400

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Tidewater Area Central Hospital Laundry, Inc. has applied for reissuance of a permit for Shared Hospital Services in Portsmouth, Virginia. The permit would allow the applicant to withdraw an average of 117,808 gallons per day. The ground water withdrawal will support the water supply for the commercial laundering facility. The proposed withdrawal will utilize the Upper Potomac aquifer at a depth between 570 feet to 673 feet below the land surface at the withdrawal site. An aquifer is a body of rock or layer of sediment in the ground in which ground water is stored and transported. DEQ has made a tentative decision to issue the permit.

HOW TO COMMENT: DEQ accepts comments by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must be in writing; contain a brief statement on how the proposal affects the person commenting, other users or the aquifer; and be received by DEQ during the comment period. The public also may request a public hearing. If a public hearing is requested, the written comments should include the reason for holding a hearing and related factual concerns. DEQ may hold a public hearing, including another comment period, if public response is significant and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the proposed permit. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named below.

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